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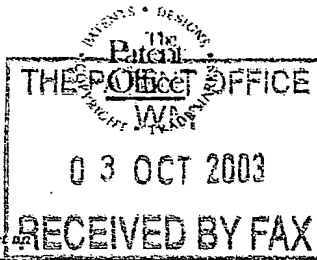
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DESCRIPTION PAGE 1 of 1**Fieldbus physical layer and power supply diagnostics**

A diagnostic system 17 is utilized to provide diagnostic data for an operator via a digital and/or analogue interface 16 and/or via visual means 14.

A modular system comprising one or more simplex and/or redundant power supplies and/or conditioners 3, 5 and a replaceable segment autonomous diagnostic system 17 contained within, or on, a modular backplane 15, with digital and/or analogue link 16 and/or 19 to other said systems as an option.

The diagnostic system 17 may derive power from the bulk power supply 1 and/or from other external power source.

Physical layer diagnostic means may comprise one or more of the following;

Over/under termination warning and/or alarm, noise/ripple level warning and/or alarm, signal level warning and/or alarm, signal bias and/or jitter and/or ringing warning and/or alarm, signal distortion warning and/or alarm, signal attenuation warning and/or alarm, cross talk warning and/or alarm, unbalance warning and/or alarm, earth leakage detection and/or alarm.

Or any hardware related alarms might include one or more of the following:

Bulk supply 1 voltage warning and/or alarm, segment 8a to 8n short circuit warning and/or alarm, any module 3, 5, 17 failure warning and/or alarm. Quiescent current warning and/or alarm including rate of change.

Diagnostics may include Fourier analysis, trending, data logging and other statistical analysis/reporting.

Diagnostics may be derived from one or more direct and/or indirect common mode 2, 4, 6 and/or differential mode 7 injection and/or detection 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 methods.

Part of the diagnostic components may reside within the modules 3, 5 15.

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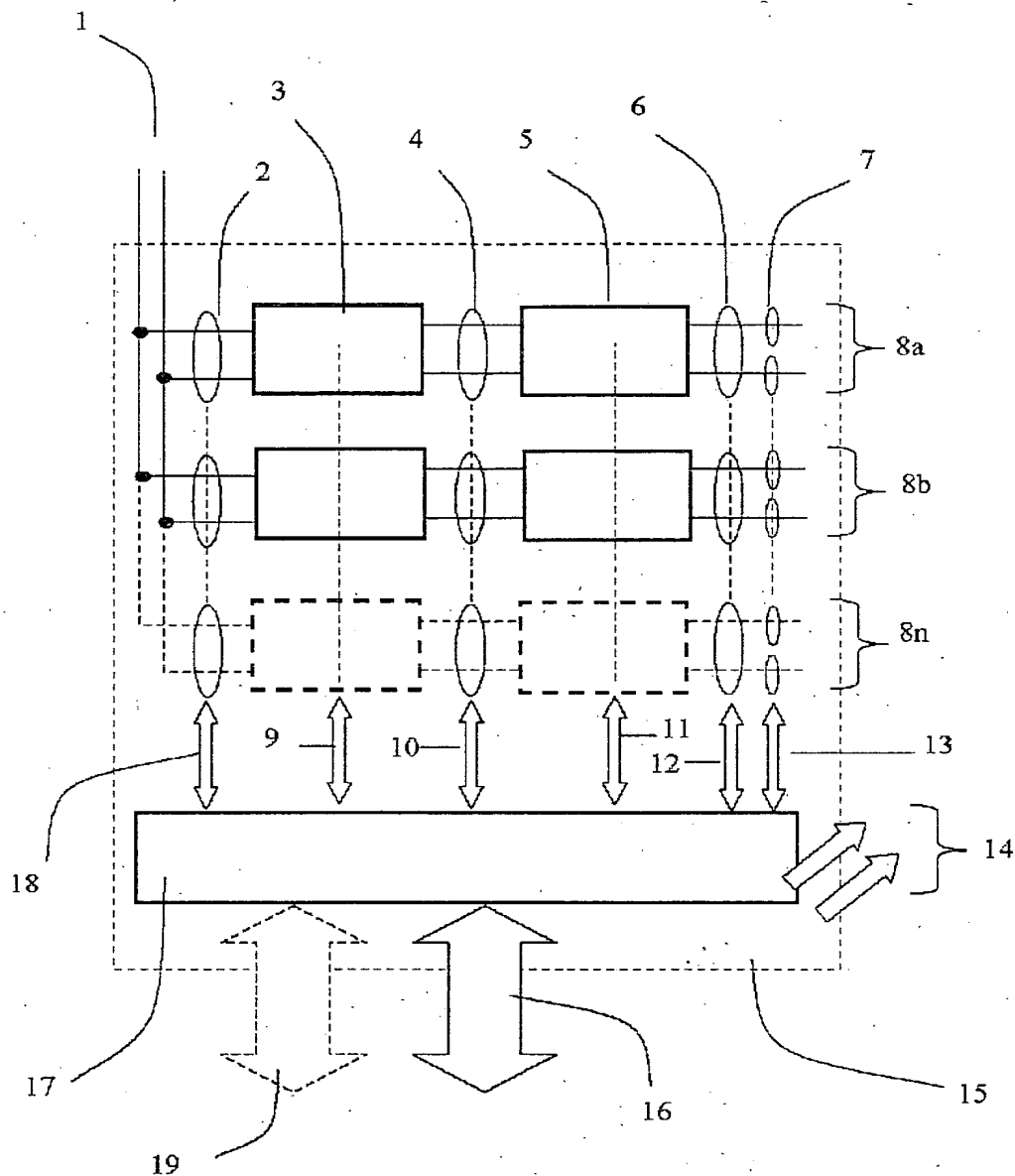


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